

THE POLITICAL POT.

Reform on Top—The Opposition in the Soup.

Ebullitions on the Islands of Maui and Hawaii.

Maui Nominating Committee.

A general meeting of voters was held at Makawao on the 20th inst. for the purpose of nominating a Representative for the district, and choosing delegates to the central nominating convention for the nomination of Nobles. The meeting was well attended by representative citizens of the district; a few whites, nearly all the leading native Hawaiians, and quite a number of property owning Portuguese. The meeting was not divided strictly on party lines, there being a large representation of the Hui Kalaeaina; others of a more radical Wilcox type and the reformers. Kamakele, an ex-member of the Legislature, was chairman, and the whole proceedings were of a most orderly character. Kala, of Kuan, made the first speech, a strictly radical one of the Wilcox type; William Halstead and John Kalama followed, each saying that if this meeting nominated the other he would withdraw, and then Kamakele made one of his old time harangues, telling what great things he had done for the country, and how if they would only trust him once more he would again redeem the district from oblivion; he also stated that he would be very grateful for the nomination and was sure that he would be elected if they would nominate him, but if they did not nominate him he would not run. Mr. H. P. Baldwin was then called on for a speech. He said that he came to the meeting as a Hawaiian and not as a planter; he was born here of parents who had given their lives to the Hawaiians; his own children were born here and were living here and he wanted the islands to remain as in times past a good home for his children, for all time. He then referred to what Kalama had said about the Ministry having too much power, saying that the Government so far as this country was concerned, was on the same basis as the most progressive European nations. The King's dignity was carefully guarded and the responsibility of the Government thrown on the Ministers, which gave the people the power to send men to the Legislature and kick them out or straighten them out if they needed it; he wanted to see a good reasonable man sent from Makawao; he was opposed to the country being overrun by Asiatics, and said that we ought to send men to the Legislature who would look after all the interests of the land, and who would not be led away by agitators. The whole speech was well calculated to inspire confidence in the Hawaiian mind that the Reform Party was not opposed to the good of the natives.

The voting for nominee as a candidate for Representative was then held and the result was: Kala 0, Helekuinihi 1, Kalama 18, Kamakele 26, Halstead 29.

Mr. Halstead thanked the meeting in a neat speech for the nomination, and said that he hoped and expected that election day would show the same result. Messrs. Kalama and Kamakele also addressed the meeting, saying that they accepted the voice of the people and would withdraw their names from further consideration as candidates and would work for the nominees of the meeting. Mr. Kala did not take his defeat so gracefully, but announced that election day would show that he had more backing than this audience thought of.

The meeting then appointed a committee to nominate names for Nobles to be presented at the Central Convention as the choice of Makawao. The committee reported back the names of H. P. Baldwin, Kamakele, James Anderson, William Cornwell, K. Nahaolele, and W. Y. Horner. A committee of three was then appointed by the meeting to attend the nominating convention of Nobles to be held at Kahului December 26th; the committee selected was composed of W. H. Halstead, J. Kalama and Thomas Gulick.

R. W. Wilcox has been holding meetings in this vicinity and held one at the Paia skating rink on the night of the 16th; among other prominent speakers were Wilcox, John Kalama, and J. W. Kalua, who all spoke strongly against the present Government, and Wilcox especially made the burden of his lay the missionary party, having evidently taken his text from the Elele. W. H. Halstead followed them with a strong speech in favor of the Reform movement, citing individual instances of the benefits which the people had derived therefrom. Altogether, the Opposition party at Makawao does not seem to stand much show, as there is very little question but that Halstead will be elected, he being a favorite alike of the Portuguese and natives.

Politics on Hawaii.

A political meeting held at Hilo, Dec. 16th, was called to order by Chairman Tucker, who stated to the convention that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of choosing delegates, who, with delegates from the other districts of Hawaii, were to meet at Hilo, Dec. 20th, to elect Nobles to the Hawaiian Legislature. In absence of Secretary Richards, Mr. Stevens was appointed to fill the vacancy. The convention then proceeded to select its delegates. Mr. Burt, obtaining the floor, moved "that the chair appoint a committee of three, subject to the approval of the house, to retire to select delegates to the convention of the 20th inst." The motion being lost, Mr. Goodale moved "that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to withdraw for the purpose of selecting delegates to the convention, nominating Nobles, on Dec. 20th."

Mr. Burt objected giving the chairman the absolute power of appointing the committee, stating "that the ones appointed would not, perhaps, fully represent the feelings of the voters."

Mr. D. H. Hitchcock thought "that the committee appointed by the chair would be perfectly satisfactory."

The "question" being called for, and voted upon, the motion was carried. The committee appointed consisted of Messrs. Goodale, Stevens and Hitchcock, who nominated the following named delegates to represent the Hilo district: D. H. Hitchcock, C. C. Kennedy, D.

Kamai, J. S. Canario, J. A. Scott, A. M. Wilson, Joe Vierra, Iwiliiko and A. B. Loebenstein.

It was then moved and seconded "that the secretary read the names of the delegates and that the convention vote to approve or disapprove the committee's choice." The motion being sustained, each delegate was voted upon separately and approved. In response to the chairman's inquiry if anything further was to be done, Mr. Hitchcock thought the delegates should be instructed for whom they shall vote. Being put in the form of a motion, and carried, the convention instructed its delegates to vote for Robt. Rycroft, to serve for a period of two years; Sam Parker, two years; R. R. Hinds, four years; J. M. Horner and Kauhane, six years. In case any of these should decline the nomination, Dr. Wight, C. E. Richardson, Jos. Marsden and Alex Young were named as second choice.

On a motion made by Wm. Goodale, the chair appointed Messrs. Severance, Austin and E. G. Hitchcock a committee on entertainment.

Hilo, Hawaii, Dec. 17th.

Meeting of the Central Committee of Hawaii.

The central convention of Hawaii met in Hilo, according to the call of the central committee, on December 20th, for the purpose of electing a "Noble Ticket" for the island of Hawaii. The convention was duly opened by the calling of the Hon. R. H. Hitchcock to the chair, pro tem.; C. Stevens elected secretary. The chairman then called for the delegates to present their credentials of election as delegates. The chair then appointed the following gentlemen to act as a committee on credentials: Messrs. Loebenstein, Kennedy, Holstein. After a few minutes the same committee reported that they found the following persons entitled to a seat in the convention: Messrs. Kynnersley, J. A. Renton and Holstein from Kohala; G. Benton and C. Paty from Hanakua; D. H. Hitchcock, Kennedy, Scott, D. Kamai, Cannario, Iwiliiko, J. Vierra, A. B. Loebenstein and Wilson from Hilo. D. H. Hitchcock was granted a seat as delegate from South Kona.

The convention then proceeded to the election of officers which resulted as follows: James Renton, chairman; C. C. Kennedy, vice; Stevens, secretary. On motion, a list of all candidates for the position of Nobles, was placed before the convention for their action. They were as follows: Hilo, D. H. Hitchcock, Rycroft, J. Kauhane, J. H. Horner, S. Parker, R. R. Hinds, J. Wight, J. Marsden, C. E. Richardson, and A. Young. Hanakua: S. Parker, J. Kauhane, J. H. Horner, R. Hinds, W. H. Purvis, J. Marsden and ———. Kohala: J. Kauhane, E. A. Burchard, S. Parker, R. R. Hinds, W. H. Purvis and J. Marsden.

Messrs. Hitchcock and Rycroft declined to be nominated. On motion the following committee was chosen by the chair, on nominations: Hitchcock, Scott, Kamai, Vierra, Kynnersley, C. F. Renton and Wilson. Also, the following committee on resolutions: Loebenstein, Kennedy, Cannario, Iwiliiko and Paty. They were requested to report early on the following day.

Adjourned till next day at 9 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 21st, the convention met pursuant to call. The committee on resolutions presented their report, which was freely discussed. The report is as follows:

We, the delegates of Noble voters of the island of Hawaii, in general convention assembled, recognizing the great progress made in the Kingdom during the last two years, in which period a Government, conducted ably and honestly, under constitutional methods, have superseded the old era of misrule, as a whole, through whose capable and progressive administration of public affairs, this Kingdom has been able to assure its prosperity at home, and to secure and maintain the best wishes of all the friendly foreign governments.

And whereas, in any constitutional monarchy the ministry are held directly responsible to the people, and should publicly state their policy on such issues, as may from time to time arise, and should further introduce and advocate such legislation as may be required to carry such policy into effect,

And whereas, primaries have been held in the several election districts of the island of Hawaii for the purpose of placing a Noble ticket in the field, at which primaries certain resolutions were submitted and adopted calling upon the Ministry to make known their views and policy, on the following questions, viz:

1. The Chinese question.
2. Cable communication.
3. Immigration and labor supply.
4. Government receipts and expenditures.
5. The public debt.
6. Political relations with the United States.
7. Internal improvements.
8. The leper question.
9. Education.
10. Local self government.

And whereas, the Ministry have responded to this request, for a statement of policy on the foregoing subjects, and in a reply addressed to the Central Committee to the Reform party of Hawaii, by letter of date of December 17th and published in the daily press have outlined the policy of the Government on the subjects mentioned.

And whereas, said policy as enunciating the Ministry, is such as to materially develop the resources, promote the welfare and increase the prosperity of the Kingdom. Therefore be it, and it is hereby resolved, that we co-operate to sustain the present Administration, promising our final adherence and cordial support, in matters of general policy and herewith adopt the general policy of the Government for the coming two years as outlined by the Ministry, as the platform of the Reform party of Hawaii for the coming campaign.

The report, as presented, was unanimously adopted.

The committee on nominations then presented the following ticket:

J. M. Horner, of Hamakua, six years.
J. Kauhane, of Kau, six years.
R. R. Hinds, of Kohala, four years.
Dr. J. Wight, of Kohala, four years.
Sam. Parker, of Waimea, two years.
Dr. C. H. Wetmore, of Hilo, two years.

The chair appointed Messrs. Loebenstein and Kynnersley tellers. On motion to adopt the report of the committee, a ballot for the Noble ticket was taken, which resulted as follows: Horner 19, Kauhane 18, R. R. Hinds 17, Dr. Wight 12, Samuel Parker 17, C. H. Wetmore 16; besides scattering votes for

Messrs. Burchard, Purvis and Marsden. After announcing that the first six names were the Noble ticket for Hawaii, on motion of Mr. Scott the election was made unanimous. The secretary was ordered to furnish to the daily press and some of the Hawaiian newspapers published in Honolulu, and the Hilo Record with copies of the above proceedings. The convention then adjourned sine die.

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